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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING MAY 27, 1977 (SALT TWO-1193)

1. AT THE MEETING OF MAY 27, MY STATEMENT REITERATED THE US POSITION ON DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT AND REPEATED US OBJECTIONS TO THE SOVIET POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, CHARACTERIZING IT AS A STEP BACKWARD. IN PARTICULAR, I DISCUSSED THE US VIEWS RELATIVE TO THE SOVIET PROPOSED EXEMPTION OF "CURRENT TESTING PRACTICES" AND "METHODS OF TRANSMITTING TELEMETRIC INFORMATION." I ALSO DISCUSSED THE USE OF THE TERM "SPECIAL"

MEASURES IN THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AND PROVIDED RATIONALE FOR OUR USE OF THE TERM "MEASURES," VICE "PROVISIONS," ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XVI TO THE TESTING

PHASE.

2. SEMENOV MADE STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF AN ICBM LAUNCHER

(PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT.) AFTER POINTING OUT THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE ARRIVED AT A GENERAL CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS IN MANY RESPECTS, SEMENOV THEN ATTACKED THE US-PROPOSED PHRASES "CONTAINED OR LAUNCHED" AND "FACTS WHICH COULD SUPPORT"

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AS BEING VAGUE AND OPEN TO SUBJECTIVE INTERPRETATION. HE FURTHER STATED, IN REFERENCE TO BOTH OF THESE PHRASES, THAT THEY WOULD LEAD TO COUNTING AS ICBM LAUNCHERS THOSE LAUNCHERS WHICH ARE NOT ICBM LAUNCHERS, AND THAT THIS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE AIDE-MEMOIRE AGREED TO AT VLADIVOSTOK. FINALLY, SEMENOV CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE COULD CONSIDER USING THE TERM "TYPE" IN THIS DEFINITION PROVIDED THAT THE INTERPRETATION WHICH WOULD BE

APPLIED WOULD BE IN "STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE AIDE-MEMOIRE."

3. IN MY POST-PLENARY DISCUSSION WITH SEMENOV, I SUGGESTED THAT THE ICBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION QUESTION BE REFERRED TO THE DRAFTING WORKING GROUP AND HE AGREED. SEMENOV INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WANTED TO RETAIN AT HEADS OF DELEGATION LEVEL DISCUSSION OF MIRV VERIFICATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE HEADS OF DELEGATION AT POST-PLENARY NEXT TUESDAY CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF MIRV VERIFICATION. IN PARTICULAR, HE SEEMED INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING UP ON OUR DISCUSSION OF MAY 23 IN WHICH I POINTED OUT THAT ARTICLE II IS THE PROVISION IN WHICH TO DEFINE WHAT A MIRV LAUNCHER IS AND ARTICLE VI IS THE PLACE TO SPECIFY AT WHAT POINT IN TIME IT BEGINS TO COUNT IN THE MIRV AGGREGATE.

4. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERAL ROWNY, GENERAL BELETSKY ATTACKED THE "CONTAINED" PART OF THE US "CONTAINED OR LAUNCHED" CRITERIA. IN SO DOING ROWNY INFERRED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WAS MORE BOTHERED BY THE "CONTAINED" CRITERIA THAN BY THE "LAUNCHED" CRITERIA.

5. IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH GRAHAM AND IFFT, SMOLIN INDICATED INTEREST IN A SUGGESTION BY GRAHAM THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE A PROVISION IN THE DEFINITIONS ARTICLE WHICH HAD AS ITS ONLY RATIONALE THE SITUATION AT DERAZHNYA AND PERVOMAYSK (II.5 "IN WHICH SUCH MISSILES ARE DEPLOYED") AND THAT IF THE SOVIETS WISHED TO PROPOSE SUCH A PROVISION IT BELONGED ELSEWHERE, PERHAPS ASSOCIATED WITH ARTICLE VI. (SEE HIGHLIGHTS.)

6. THE NEXT PLENARY WILL BE HELD AT 11:00 AM ON TUESDAY, MAY 31, AT THE US MISSION AND SEMENOV PLANS TO ADDRESS DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT.

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